

**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: MARCH 15, 2005**

**- CALL TO ORDER**

**MINUTES:**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS WOLFSON and TARKANIAN

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

**- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**

**MINUTES:**

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2005-12 - Annexation No. ANX-5656 – Property location: On the west side of Al Carrison Street, 50 feet south of McNamee Avenue; Petitioned by: Michael E. Burke; Acreage: 2.08 acres; Zoned: R-A (County zoning), R-A (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

**Fiscal Impact:**

☒

**No Impact**

**Amount:**

☐

**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

☐

**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the west side of Al Carrison Street, 50 feet south of McNamee Avenue. The annexation is at the request of the property owner. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (April 15, 2005) is set by this ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2005-12 and Location Map

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recommended Bill 2005-12 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED stated this matter involves a routine annexation request. No protests were filed. He recommended approval.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing closed.

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2005-13 - Annexation No. ANX-5674 – Property location: On the northeast corner of Centennial Parkway and Kevin Way; Petitioned by: Project K, LLC; Acreage: 2.52 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), U (TC) (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Michael Mack

**Fiscal Impact:**

☒

**No Impact**

**Amount:**

☐

**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

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**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the northeast corner of Centennial Parkway and Kevin Way. The annexation is at the request of the property owner. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (March 25, 2005) is set by this ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2005-13 and Location Map

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recommended Bill 2005-13 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED stated this matter also involves a routine annexation request. No protests were filed. He recommended approval.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing closed.

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2005-14 - Authorizes the granting of a distance-separation waiver for a tavern to be located within a regional mall. Sponsored by: Councilman Larry Brown

**Fiscal Impact:**

☒

**No Impact**

**Amount:**

☐

**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

☐

**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The City's zoning regulations generally require a distance separation between taverns, but allow the distance separation requirement to be waived in certain limited circumstances. This bill would add another such circumstance, namely, when a proposed tavern will be located within a regional mall.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2005-14

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recommended Bill 2005-14 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Director, Planning and Development, reported that this bill was brought forward in order to add location within a regional mall to the other exceptions that are provided for historic properties, landmarks, and other types of buildings, wherein the distance requirement is not the same as in other freestanding properties. Staff feels it is appropriate and recommends approval.

No one appeared in opposition.

Before moving on to Citizens Participation, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON allowed TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, to speak on this matter.

MR. McGOWAN stated that Meadows Mall is the only regional shopping mall he is aware of in the City of Las Vegas. He asked if this would rule out the Fremont Street Experience or the Neonopolis and how it might affect taverns in proximity to the Entertainment Overlay or Arts Districts. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON indicated that MS. WHEELER, who could better answer his questions, had already left the meeting. MR. McGOWAN countered that the members of this Committee should have the answers. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recommended MR. McGOWAN contact MS. WHEELER and noted that

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**MINUTES - Continued:**

the Recommending Committee is merely a recommending body, and the Council will ultimately decide. MR. McGOWAN indicated the recommendations of this body are important because they have a bearing on the Council's decisions.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED rejoined that existing ordinance already gives Council the ability to waive distances within the Downtown Casino Overlay District. This bill merely adds a regional mall to the list that already includes the Downtown Casino Overlay District.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing closed.

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2005-15 - Authorizes the issuance of City of Las Vegas General Obligation (Limited Tax) Sewer Refunding Bonds, (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Series 2005A. Proposed by: Mark R. Vincent, Director of Finance and Business Services - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact:**

☒

**No Impact**

**Amount:**

☐

**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

☐

**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

NRS 350.684 provides that the City may issue refunding bonds to refund, pay and discharge all or any part of the outstanding bonds of any one or more issues for the purpose of reducing interest costs or effecting other economies. Projections indicate that these refunding issues will net 3.7 percent savings in borrowing costs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2005-15

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recommended Bill 2005-15 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing open for Items 4 and 5.

At the request of MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, Items 4 and 5 were heard together. He reported that, given the low interest rates of about 3%, there might be an opportunity to issue refunding bonds in both these cases, for a total savings of about \$2 million. However, interest rates are rising, meaning that there might not be a savings by the time the refunding bonds are issued. In which case, staff will not go forward with refunding the bonds. Staff recommends approval.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON declared the Public Hearing closed for Items 4 and 5.

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

**NEW BILL:**

Bill No. 2005-16 - Authorizes the issuance of City of Las Vegas General Obligation (Limited Tax) Various Purpose Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Series 2005B. Proposed by: Mark R. Vincent, Director of Finance and Business Services - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact:**

☒

**No Impact**

**Amount:**

☐

**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

☐

**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

NRS 350.684 provides that the City may issue refunding bonds to refund, pay and discharge all or any part of the outstanding bonds of any one or more issues for the purpose of reducing interest costs or effecting other economies. Projections indicate that these refunding issues will net 4.7 percent savings in borrowing costs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2005-16

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recommended Bill 2005-16 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

MARK VINCENT, Director, Finance and Business Services, was present.

NOTE: See Item 4 for discussion.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

**MINUTES:**

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, opined that the citizens participation portion of the agenda should be enumerated, as he believes it carries the same weight and standing as other items. If the City does not seriously consider enumerating citizens participation, it might end up without a public. He then read and submitted his written comments, a copy of which is included in the minutes.

(4:16 - 4:23)

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

March 21, 2005